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SUBJ: TODMAN MEETING WITM BLANCO AND COLORADO
PARTY REPRESENTATIVES

FOR YOUR APPROVAL AND/OR CORRECTIONS.

1. TODMAN MET WITH BLANCO AND COLORADO PARTY REPRESENTATIVES
IN SEPARATE MEETINGS MORNING OF AUGUST 19. THOUGH THE
INTENTION HAD BEEN TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PARTIES
IN A SINGLE SESSION, EVENTS PRECLUDED THIS AND SEPARATE
SESSIONS WERE HELD.

2. THE COLORADO PARTY WAS REPRESENTED BY EX-DEPUTY JUAN
SINGER AND EX-SENATOR AGUSTIN CAPUTI, BOTH NOMINAL POLITICAL
ALLIES OF FORMER PRESIDENT JORGE PACHECO ARECO. PRE-
DICTABLE, THEY EXPRESSED A MODERATE, PRO-GOVERNMENT LINE,
AND THE BELIEF THAT THE PARTIES MUST WORK WITH THE MILITARY
IN A GRADUAL RETURN TO REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. THEIR
PRINCIPAL CRITICISM OF THE GOU CONCERNED THE INADEQUATE
TIME PERMITTED THE PARTIES TO FUNCTION AND ORGANIZE PRIOR
TO THE ANNOUNCED 1981 ELECTIONS. (NOTE: THREE OTHER
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COLORADO REPRESENTATIVES -- JORGE BATLLE, RAUMAR JUDE,
AND AMILCAR VASCONCELLOS -- ITHDREW THEIR REQUEST TO
PARTICIPATE, ALLEGEDLY IN PROTEST OF THE INCGUSION OF
SINGER AND CAPUTI IN THE DISCUSSION.)

3. IN CONTRAST TO THE DIVIDED COLORADOS, THE BLANCO PARTY
REVRESENTATIVES (HOMAR MURDOCH, PRESIDENT; DARDO ORTIZ,

PLP FACTION; CARLOS JULIO PEREYRA, ROCHA FACTION, MARIO
HEBER, HERRERISTA FACTION; AND ENRIQUE BELTRAN, BELTRAN
FACTION) PRESENTED A UNITED FRONT IN CONDEMNING THE POLICIES
OF THE CURRENT REGIME. AFTER PLEDGIN ALLEGIENCE TO EX-
SENATOR WILSON FERRERIRA, THE BLANCOS STATED THAT THEY ARE IN
FULL AGREEMENT WITH FERREIRA'S ASSESSMENT OF THE URUGUAYAN
SITUATION. PEREYRA CLAIMED THAT THE MUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION
IN URUGUAY IS NOW EVEN GRAVER TMAN WHEN FERREIRA TESTIFIED
BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS. THE BLANCOS EXPRESSED STRONG
DISAPPROVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL LIBERTIES IMPOSED BY
THE GOU AND ASSERTED THAT CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT TIGHT
REIN CAN ONLY CEDOUND TO THE BENEFIT OF MARXISO ELEMENTS.
THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS IN 1981 IS MERELY A GOU PLAY
TO IMPRESS THE U.S., ACCORDING TO THE BLANCOS, WHO ARGUED
THE NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF MEANINGFUL
POLITICAL ACTIVITY.
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